To the Honourable, the

Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes, of the Commons Houſe of *Parliament*.

Arguments, or reaſons humbly tendered, why the Poſts ſhould have free liberty to Carry Letters, &c.

FIrſt it is, both by the Laws of *God* and Man, lawfull for every man to imploy himſelfe in a lawfull Calling, eſpecially wherein they have bin bred or exerciſed. Alſo, it is likewiſe lawfull for divers men to imploy themſelves in one Calling, elſe there muſt be as many Callings as men. Therfore, for any one man, under pretences, and for his own ends, to appropriate to himſelfe, either the making of Soape, or any other Imployment, which is lawfull for others to doe, is meere Oppreſſion, and nothing elſe but a Monopoly.

Secondly, the Poſts in their ſetting up their weekly Conveyance, did tranſgreſſe no Law; they did but what others might doe; they reſtrayned none; they left all men to ryde or goe with Letters, aſwell as themſelves; they only tendered their ſervice to thoſe that would imploy them. Therfore as it is Oppreſſion to deprive any man of his lawfull Calling or Imployment; So it is Oppreſſion in Mr. *VVithrings* to deprive the Poſts of theirs: But to make the Poſts upon their own charge to doe all the worke, and yet, to take from them all the profit of their labours, is Oppreſſion with an high hand, like that in *Egypt*, which they hope the Honourable Houſe will take into their conſideration.

Therfore the Poſts deſire only is, that they may have free liberty, as formerly, to tender their ſervice to thoſe that will imploy them. They deſire to reſtraine none, nor to be in bondage under Mr. *VVithrings*. If Mr. *VVithrings*, or any other will ſet up, or continue Carrying of Letters, they are not againſt them, they only deſire liberty to imploy themſelves, and to ſet up Bills to declare the manner and times of their Conveyance.

And this is not only the deſire of the Poſts, but alſo of many of his Majeſties Subjects both in *London*, *Exon*, *Plimouth*, *Tottnes*, *Dartmouth*, and other places: as by the ſeverall both Certificates and Petitions from the ſaid places, in the Poſts behalfe, under the hands of many perſons of worth and quality may be ſeen: which deſire of the Poſts, is conceived to be very lawfull, and for the honour of the Houſe.

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